



**National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior**

Superintendent's Compendium
Of Designations, Closures, Permit
Requirements and Other Restrictions
Imposed Under Discretionary Authority.

**Great Basin National
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In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of Great Basin National Park. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

Written determinations, which explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, as required by Section 1.5c, appear in this document identified by *italicized print*.

I. **36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES**

(a)(1) The following visiting hours and public use limits are established for all or for the listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park to all public use or to a certain use or activity:

Visiting Hours:

The Visitor Center and Lehman Caves are closed to public visitation on the following days: Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years Day.

The Visitor Center is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. year-around.

These facilities are closed during three holidays when park staff is not on duty.

Public Use Limits:

Upper Lehman Group Picnic Area is available by permit and a fee for group use from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Groups are limited to 150 people maximum.

Grey Cliffs Primitive Group Campground is available by permit and a fee for public use during the summer season when Baker Creek Road is open. Groups are limited to 50 people per loop maximum.

No more than one wild cave permit per week will be issued for each cave. Groups entering wild caves are limited to a minimum of three and maximum of six people.

Closures:

The following caves are closed to public entry during the specific time periods indicated. Within Lehman Caves, all areas other than walkways are closed to public entry.

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| • Upper Pictograph | March 25 through September 10 |
| • Little Muddy | April 1 through October 1
(or if carbon dioxide levels exceed the NPS standard of 5000 parts per million) |
| • System's Key | October 15 through May 15 |
| • Ice | October 15 through September 10 |
| • Crevasse/Hallidays | October 15 through September 10 |
| • Wheeler's Deep | April 1 through July 1 |
| • Model | Dependent on water levels |

In order to protect important bat hibernacula and maternity roosts within the park, all park caves that enhance these activities are closed during the time of bat hibernation and maternity roosting. Little Muddy Cave is closed to entry from April 1 through October 1 because atmospheric testing has shown that the carbon dioxide level during that period exceeds the safe allowable limit. Additional information is contained in the Superintendent's memo on Cave Closures dated March 14, 2003.

The following areas are closed to public entry:

- All park water tank and treatment facilities. All park sewage treatment facilities, park boneyard, gravel pit, and hazardous material storage units.
- The fenced spring collection areas for the water systems.

These areas are closed to the public in order to protect government equipment, to protect the public water supply, and to protect the public from hazards.

- The road leading from the main park entrance road to and within the park residential area is closed to unauthorized persons. (Authorized persons include: park residents, park employees, guests of park residents, and persons on official park business)

The roadway in the residential area is narrow and not designed for heavy traffic. Limiting traffic in this area provides park residents with privacy and maintains a residential-like area. It also provides a safer environment for residents' children who might be playing in the area.

The following roads are closed to motor vehicles:

- Strawberry Creek Road (at upper Strawberry Creek)
- Burnt Mill Road, at the point where it intersects the Osceola Ditch
- North Fork Big Wash Road
- Johnson Lake and Dead Lake Roads
- Lincoln Cirque Road
- Sage Creek at park boundary and meadow restoration area

These primitive roads have been closed to protect fragile backcountry resources and to provide hiking opportunities for the public.

Within Lehman Caves, public pedestrian traffic is permitted only on constructed walkways.

In order to protect fragile cave speleothems, public traffic needs to be confined to constructed walkways.

It is prohibited to gather or possess any Bristlecone Pine (*Pinus longaeva*) wood within the park.

Ancient Bristlecone pine trees are located throughout the park. They serve as important scientific tools, especially in past-climate studies. Since the age of a piece of bristlecone pine wood cannot be determined without scientific study, all wood must be protected in order to protect potentially important scientific specimens.

(a)(2)The following areas have been designated for a specific use or activity, under the conditions and/or restrictions as noted:

Cave Tours:

It is prohibited to eat, drink, spit, or chew any material during a guided park cave tour while within a cave.

In order to protect the fragile cave environment, a ban on food and/or drink is necessary. It is impractical to observe every individual to ensure that food and drink items are not disposed of or dropped by accident in the cave.

Camping:

Please refer to §2.10 for detailed camping areas.

The following restrictions and/or conditions are in effect for the specific uses or activities noted:

Passenger Carrying Busses:

Engines must be shut down when not underway.

The idling of bus engines adds unnecessary exhaust fumes to the air and diminishes the enjoyment by visitors of the peace and tranquility of the park.

Entry into wild caves with a permit:

- No more than one permit per week will be issued for each cave.
- No alcohol or tobacco products are allowed in caves.
- No carbide or carbide light products may be brought into caves.
- Clothing that may produce excessive lint is not allowed in caves.

In order to protect fragile wild cave ecosystems, the number of people using the cave must be limited. In addition, items such as alcohol and tobacco products, carbide products, and lint-prone clothing must be prohibited to protect the caves.

Technical Rock Climbing:

The installation of climbing bolts, bolt hangers, pitons, and other permanently installed hardware is prohibited.

In order to protect geologic features in the park, the installation of climbing bolts, bolt hangers, pitons, and other permanently installed hardware is prohibited.

II. 36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

(f)The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the superintendent is required:

§1.5(d) The following activities related to Public Use Limits:

- Group picnicking at Upper Lehman Group Picnic Area.
- Entry into any wild cave, or any part or passage of a cave, or posted rock shelter requires a wild cave permit.

§2.4(d) Carrying or possessing a weapon, trap, or net.

§2.5(a) Specimen collection (Take plant, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals).

§2.10(a) The following camping activities:

- Use of Grey Cliffs Primitive Group Campground.
- Use of Upper Lehman, Lower Lehman, Baker Creek and Wheeler Peak campground sites.

§2.12 Audio Disturbances:

- (a)(2) Operating a chain saw in developed areas.
- (a)(3) Operation of any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-developed areas.
- (a)(4) Operation of a public address system in connection with a public gathering or special event, for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51.

§2.17 Aircraft & Air Delivery:

- (a)(3) Delivery or retrieval of a person or object by parachute, helicopter or other airborne means.
- (c)(1) Removal of a downed aircraft.

§2.23(b) The following special recreation activities (per 36 CFR Part 71):

- Group use of Upper Lehman Picnic Area.
- Guided cave tours of Lehman Caves.
- After-hours access by photographers to Lehman Caves.
- Entry into a wild cave.

§2.37 Soliciting or demanding gifts, money goods or services (Pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit issued under §2.50, §2.51 or §2.52).

§2.38 Explosives:

- (a) Use, possess, store, transport explosives, blasting agents.
- (b) Use or possess fireworks.

§2.50(a) Conduct a sports event, pageant, regatta, public spectator attraction, entertainment, ceremony, and similar events.

§2.51(a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views.

§2.52(c) Sale or distribution of printed matter that is not solely commercial advertising.

§2.60(b) Livestock use.

§2.61(a) Residing on federal lands.

§2.62 Memorialization:

Erection of monuments (Requires approval from Regional Director).
Scattering ashes from human cremation.

§3.3 Use of a vessel.

§4.11(a) Exceeding of established vehicle load, weight and size limits.

§5.1 Advertisements - (Display, posting or distribution.)

§5.3 Engaging in or soliciting any business (Requires a permit, contract or other written agreement with the United States, or must be pursuant to special regulations).

§5.5 Commercial Photography/Filming:

Commercial filming of motion pictures or television involving the use of professional casts, settings or crews, other than bona fide newsreel or news television.

Still photography of vehicles, or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising.

§5.7 Construction of buildings, facilities, trails, roads, boat docks, path, structure, etc.

III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

36 CFR §2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

(a)(4) Dead wood on the ground may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the park in the following areas:

All areas below 10,000 feet elevation, except in Bristlecone Pine (*Pinus Longeava*) groves, which are closed to firewood collection at all elevations.

(a)(5) The following conditions are in effect for walking, climbing, entering, ascending or traversing the listed archeological or cultural resource, monuments or statues:

Technical rock climbing is prohibited within 100 feet of any archeological, historic, or cultural sites, including pictographs, petroglyphs, and historic remains.

(b) Hiking or pedestrian traffic is restricted to the trail or walkway as listed in Section 1.5 of this document.

Within Lehman Caves, all areas other than walkways are closed to public entry.

(c)(1), (c)(2) The following fruits, nuts, berries or unoccupied seashells may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption, in accordance with the noted size, quantity, collection sites and/or use or consumption restrictions:

- Pinyon Pine cones and nuts (*Pinus monophylla*): 25 pounds of nuts or 3 bags of cones (each bag no larger than 2 ft. by 3 ft. when laid flat) per household per year.
- Fruit in the historic Lehman Orchard may be picked for on-site consumption. No picked fruit may be removed from the orchard. Fruit found on the ground may be removed from the orchard for personal consumption.
- Other fruits, nuts and berries may be collected for non-commercial use subject to the following limits: 2 quart limit per family per day.
- Only freestanding ladders may be used for picking. Cutting, pulling, shaking or climbing trees to obtain fruits, nuts or berries is prohibited.

The Superintendent has determined that removal of small quantities of these items will not deplete supplies available for wildlife or plant reproduction.

It has been determined that limiting the amount of fruit removed from trees will provide a harvest experience to the greatest number of visitors. Since fruit on the ground will not remain fresh for very long, it can be utilized outside the orchard.

36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION

(d) The transporting of lawfully taken wildlife through the park is permitted under the following conditions and procedures:

- Wildlife must be properly tagged in accordance with state game laws.
- Person transporting game must possess a license.

- Wildlife may be transported on the Decathon Canyon road that traverses through the park's southwest corner.
- Park residents may transport legally taken wildlife from the main park entrance (Highway 488) directly to their residence.
- Wildlife wounded outside the park during a legal hunt, which subsequently comes into the park, may only be pursued and retrieved from the park by the hunter who wounded the animal, after receiving permission from the Superintendent or park law enforcement ranger.

(e) The following areas are closed to the viewing of wildlife with the use of an artificial light:

All park lands are closed to the viewing of wildlife by the use of artificial light.

36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE

(a) The sites and areas listed below have been designated for camping activities as noted. A permit system has been established for certain campgrounds or camping activities, and conditions for camping and camping activities are in effect as noted:

Camping is only allowed in the following areas:

Developed campgrounds: Baker Creek, Upper Lehman, Lower Lehman, Wheeler Peak and Grey Cliffs Primitive Group Campground.

Designated primitive campsites: along Strawberry Creek, Snake Creek, and Decathon Canyon Roads. Designated campsites are indicated by picnic table and fire receptacle.

Backcountry Camping is prohibited in the following areas:

Ancient Bristlecone pine groves and immediate surrounding areas as depicted on the park brochure map.

The semi-primitive day use subzone, including but not limited to, all areas within ¼ mile of the following trails: Alpine Lakes Loop, Bristlecone-Glacier, Wheeler Peak and Lexington Arch.

In developed campgrounds the following limits and conditions apply:

- Individual sites are limited to 2 vehicles, 8 people and 3 tents per campsite.
- Generators may only be used between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- Campsite fees must be paid within one-half hour of arrival.
- Checkout time is 12:00 noon.
- Maximum continuous stay limit at any campsite is 14 days.

(b)(3) Camping within 25 feet of a fire hydrant or main road, or within 100 feet of a flowing stream, river or body of water is authorized only in the following areas, under the conditions noted:

All developed campsites in Lower Lehman Campground, Upper Lehman Campground, Wheeler Peak Campground, and Baker Creek Campground and at established designated campsites along Strawberry Creek Road, Snake Creek Road and Decathon Canyon Road.

6 CFR 2.13 – FIRES

(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is generally prohibited, except as provided for in the following designated areas and/or receptacles, and under the conditions noted:

Designated Areas:

Fires are permitted in developed campgrounds, established primitive campsites, and picnic areas.

Fires are permitted in backcountry areas below 10,000 feet elevation, with the exception of Bristlecone pine groves.

Receptacles Allowed:

Where provided, fire receptacles must be used.

(b)(2) Fires must be extinguished according to the following conditions:

During high fire danger, fires may be restricted to developed campgrounds and picnic areas only. During extreme fire danger, fires and smoking may be restricted throughout the park.

36 CFR §2.14 – SANITATION and REFUSE

(b) Conditions for the disposal, containerization, or carryout of human body waste have been established as follows:

Human body waste must be bagged and carried out of any cave and disposed of in an appropriate receptacle.

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

(a)(1) The following structures and/or areas are closed to the possession of pets:

- All caves and all trails except the Lexington Arch trail. Pets are allowed on the Lexington Arch trail.
- Wheeler Peak and Upper Lehman Campground Amphitheaters, while interpretive programs are being conducted.
- Primitive zones protected natural areas, research natural areas, semi-primitive day use subzone and semi-primitive areas.

(a)(3) Pets may be left unattended and tied to an object in the following areas, under the conditions noted:

Visitors may leave pets tied and unattended in a designated area south of the Visitor Center while they are inside the building or on a cave tour.

(a)(5) Pet excrement must be disposed of in accordance with the following conditions:

Pet excrement must be collected and disposed of by the person attending the pet.

(e) Pets may be kept by park residents under the following conditions:

Pet owners must comply with all pet requirements listed in the park housing policy.

36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES and PACK ANIMALS

(a) The following animals are designated as pack animals for purposes of transporting equipment:

- Horses, mules, burros, and llamas

(b) The use of horses or pack animals is allowed on the following trails, routes or areas:

All areas except:

- Paved roads.
- Developed areas, including campgrounds, picnic areas, and Visitor Center area.
- Residential area and maintenance area.
- Self guiding interpretive trails.
- Osceola Ditch trail, Lexington Arch trail, and the semi-primitive day use subzone.
- Wheeler Peak day use area.

(g) Other conditions concerning the use of horses or pack animals:

- All feed must be certified "weed free".
- Animals may not be picketed, hobbled, or allowed to graze within 100 feet of any spring, stream, lake, body of water, or riparian area.
- The tying of horses or pack animals to trees or other vegetation for more than 60 minutes or in a manner that causes damage to park resources is prohibited.
- Horse trailers may not be cleaned out in the park. Manure piles must be removed or scattered over a wide area.

36 CFR §2.17 – AIRCRAFT and AIR DELIVERY

(c)(1) The removal of a downed aircraft, components, or parts thereof is subject to procedures established by the Superintendent through written authorization.

36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS and SIMILAR DEVICES

The use of roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles, or similar devices are allowed only in the following areas:

On paved surfaces located in the park residential area, only by park residents & their guests.

36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING

The following portions of the park, or all or portions of buildings, structures or facilities closed to smoking as noted:

- Within 50 feet of any above-ground gasoline or propane storage tank, or dispensing facility.
- On the Mountain View Nature Trail.
- All non-residential buildings.
- Areas of the park designated during extreme fire danger.

36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY

(a)(2) Property may be left unattended for periods longer than 24 hours in the following areas and under the following conditions:

Visitors using the backcountry area are allowed to leave their vehicle unattended at trailhead parking areas while they are in the backcountry.

36 CFR §2.23 – RECREATION FEES

(b) Recreation fees, and/or a permit, in accordance with 36 CFR part 71, are established for the following entrance fee areas, and/or for the use of the following specialized sites, facilities, equipment or services, or for participation in the following group activity, recreation events or specialized recreation uses:

Daily Site Use Fee Areas:

- Lehman Caves guided tours
- Lower Lehman Campground
- Upper Lehman Campground
- Wheeler Peak Campground
- Baker Creek Campground
- Grey Cliffs Primitive Group Campground
- RV Dump station

36 CFR §2.35 –ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

(a)(3)(i) The following public use areas, portions of public use areas, and/or public facilities within the park are closed to consumption of alcoholic beverages, and/or to the possession of a bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or has been opened, or whose seal has been broken or the contents of which have been partially removed:

- Non-residential government buildings.
- Visitor Center patios and lawn.
- Caves

The superintendent has determined that the consumption of alcoholic beverages in these areas does not promote a visitor-friendly atmosphere.

36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION

(b) A permit is required for the scattering of ashes from cremated human remains, in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

The scattering of human ashes from cremation, with a permit, is allowed under the following terms and conditions:

- The remains to be scattered must have been cremated and pulverized.
- The scattering of remains by persons on the ground is to be performed at least 100 yards from any trail, road, developed facility, or body of water.
- The scattering of remains from the air must be at a minimum altitude of 2000 feet above the ground.
- No scattering of remains from the air is to be performed over developed areas, facilities, or bodies of water.

6 CFR §4.10 – TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND ROUTES

(a) Park roads, open for travel by motor vehicle are those indicated below, and/or as indicated in the following publication or document (attached hereto):

- The most current edition of the Great Basin National Park brochure map.
- The Mount Washington road.

- The Baker Narrows road, which begins at Grey Cliffs Group Campground and continues east past Pole Canyon trailhead and reconnects with Baker Creek road.

6 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS

(a) The following speed limits are established for the routes/roads indicated:

- 15 mph: Campgrounds, parking lots, picnic areas and residential area.
- 25 mph: Baker Creek Road, Snake Creek Road and all other unpaved roads.
- 35 mph: All paved roads, unless otherwise posted.

36 CFR §4.31 – HITCHHIKING

Hitchhiking is permitted in the following areas under the conditions noted:

Hitchhiking is permitted on park roads. Hitchhikers must stand on the road shoulder and not obstruct traffic.